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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
11V-535

SUBJECT: SEAT BELT IDENTIFICATION TAG/FMVSS 500

DEAR MR. JOHNSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tomberlin Automotive Group's (Tomberlin) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 500, "Low Speed Vehicles," for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
TOMBERLIN/AVL/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-535 **Mfg's Report Date:** November 7, 2011

Components: SEAT BELTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Summary:

TOMBERLIN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (TOMBERLIN) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 TOMBERLIN AVL LOW SPEED VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2011. THE SEAT BELT IDENTIFICATION TAG DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DATE OF MANUFACTURER. ACCORDINGLY, THE SEAT BELTS FAIL TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 500, "LOW SPEED VEHICLES."

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A SAFETY ISSUE WITH THE AFFECTED SEAT BELTS, THE VEHICLE OWNER MAY NOT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE SEAT BELT IF IT DOES NOT HAVE A DATE OF MANUFACTURE.

Remedy:

TOMBERLIN WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE SEAT BELTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TOMBERLIN AT 1-706-860-8880.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

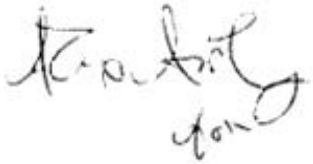
Please provide the following additional information:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement